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COLUMBIA SITE OF FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club has been scheduled for October 7-9, 1988 in Columbia, South Carolina. The meeting will emphasize birding; taking advantage of Columbia's Fall Line location to mount field trips to the Lower Piedmont, the Sandhills, and the Inner Coastal Plain of South Carolina. The dates are near the peak of the fall songbird migration for the area. Tentative field trip destinations include the Congaree Swamp, migrant traps along the Saluda River in West Columbia, Manchester State Forest for Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and the Wateree River near Camden for Bald Eagles.

The meeting headquarters will be the Best Western Host Hotel, 4502 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205, telephone (803) 782-6525. A reservation form is provided on page 3 of the Newsletter. DIRECTIONS TO MOTEL: The motel is located on US 76/378 in northeast Columbia. Those coming to Columbia on I-26 or I-20 from the west should take the I-26 (US 76) spur to downtown Columbia and follow US 76 East to the motel. Those coming into the city on I-77 or I-20 from the east should take the SC 277 spur into Columbia and pick up US 76 East at the corner of Bull Street and Elmwood Avenue.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday afternoon.....	Registration (beginning 3:30 p.m.)
Friday evening.....	Discussion of field trips and field trip signup
Saturday morning.....	Guided field trips
Saturday evening.....	Field trip countdown
Sunday morning.....	Birding on your own or a field trip to the Congaree Swamp

It has been several years since CBC has held a meeting in the Columbia area. Under the leadership of CBC President, Sid Gauthreaux, and local program committee members, Robin Carter, George McCoy and Jack Stewart, it promises to be an outstanding event. Plan to be there!

ABOUT RARE BIRDS

What is the first thing you do when you sight a rare bird? Right! You call the CBC RARE BIRD ALERT 704/332-BIRD! But then what do you do? If your sighting is going to be useful to the birding community it will need to be reported in an ornithological journal. For this purpose you should submit details of your sighting to HARRY E. LEGRAND, JR., 331 Yadkin Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609, who is Briefs for the Files Editor of THE CHAT and regional report editor for AMERICAN BIRDS. If a new species for the state where seen or an upgrading of the evidence of its occurence or breeding, a report should be submitted to the appropriate Bird Records Committee. For North Carolina, reports should be sent to Dave Lee, N. C. State Museum of Natural Sciences, PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611, and for South Carolina to Will Post, The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29403. The North Carolina committee has developed a form for reporting details which would be acceptable for either state's committee or a journal. A copy has been inserted in this Newsletter for your use. Good luck!

BIRDER'S CODE OF ETHICS

CBC Vice-president MARTHA FREDERICK has become concerned about poor birding behavior exhibited by some birders even on CBC field trips. She recommends that we follow the American Birding Association Code of Ethics which the CBC Newsletter is happy to reprint.

I. Birders must always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife. In keeping with this principle, we will

* Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way.
* Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.
* Only sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not use these methods in heavily birded areas.
* Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger.
* Refrain from handling birds or eggs unless engaged in recognized research activities.

II. Birders must always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment. In keeping with this principle, we will

* Stay on existing roads, trails, and pathways whenever possible in order to avoid trampling or otherwise disturbing fragile habitat.
* Leave all habitat as we found it.

III. Birders must always respect the rights of others. In keeping with this principle, we will

* Respect the privacy and property of others by observing "No Trespassing" signs and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands.
* Observe all laws and the rules and regulations which govern public use of birding areas.
* Practice common courtesy in our contacts with others. For example, we will limit our requests for information, and we will make them at reasonable hours of the day.
* Always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community in the eyes of the public.

IV. Birders in groups should assume special responsibilities. As group members, we will

* Take special care to alleviate the problems and disturbances that are multiplied when more people are present.
* Act in consideration of the group's interest, as well as our own.
* Support by our actions the responsibility of the group leader(s) for the conduct of the group.

As group leaders, we will

* Assume responsibility for the conduct of the group.
* Learn and inform the group of any special rules, regulations, or conduct applicable to the area or habitat being visited.
* Limit groups to a size that does not threaten the environment or the peace and tranquillity of others.
* Teach others birding ethics by our words and example.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL
NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITION & SALE

On December 2-4, 1988, one of the Southeast's most successful wildlife art shows will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The North Carolina Wildlife Art Exhibition & Sale is co-sponsored by the N. C. Wildlife Federation and the N. C. Nature Artists Association.

The exhibition will be held in the Kerr Scott Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds. This new location provides much easier accessibility and parking for artists and patrons. Hours for the public exhibition and sale are 7-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, and Noon-6 p.m. on Sunday.

Artists may rent a booth for displaying their work or submit general entries for a fee. The deadline for receipt of entry forms and fees is November 21, 1988. Entries must be realistic portrayals of wildlife species or wildflowers which occur naturally in North America. Awards and a $500 purchase prize will be given. Information and entry forms may be obtained by writing: N.C. Wildlife Art Exhibition & Sale, N.C. Wildlife Federation, PO Box 10626, Raleigh, NC 27605.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S ALERT

In late 1988 the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences is publishing a report prepared by the North Carolina Bird Records Committee on the Endangered, Threatened and Rare Birds of North Carolina. Each species discussed will be illustrated with a photograph. At this time good photographs are needed of the following species: Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Cooper's Hawk, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-capped Chickadee, Bewick's Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Bachman's Sparrow. Photographs used in the publication will be acknowledged and all originals will be returned to the photographers by early 1989. Please submit photographs to:

Dave Lee, Curator of Birds
N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences
PO Box 27647
Raleigh, NC 27611

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Membership Application and Order Form

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (___)_____(home) (___)_____(business)

ENTER/NEW MEMBERSHIP AS INDICATED

___Individual ($12) ___Life ($200)
___Family ($15) ___Patron ($50)
___Student ($6) ___Affiliate Club ($15)
___Library/Institution ($15)

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club, Inc. and mail to P. O Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611.

SEND MATERIALS INDICATED

____CBC Cloth Arm Patch $1.50 (1), $1.25 each in quantity
____CBC Decals (water type) 75c (1) 50c each in quantity
____Daily Checklists 10/$1; 25/$1.25; 50/$2.50; 75/$3.75; 100/$5.00
____Birds of the Carolinas $13.45 plus $1.25 for mailing
____Amphibians and Reptiles of the Carolinas
$13.45 plus $1.25 for mailing

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BEST WESTERN RESERVATION FORM
Carolina Bird Club Fall Meeting, October 7-9, 1988

NAME_____ ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

ROOMS (single or double occupancy) Front - $26.00 Back - $36.00

Please reserve___room(s) at $_____per night plus tax. My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. I will arrive_____ and depart_____.

Mail with deposit to BEST WESTERN HOST HOTEL, 4502 Devine St., Columbia, SC 29205

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REGISTRATION FORM
CBC Fall Meeting, October 7-9, 1988

NAME(S)_____

ADDRESS_____ CITY_____ STATE____ ZIP_____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $____ for ___member registrations at $4 each and ___nonmember registrations at $5 each.

Mail to CAROLINA BIRD CLUB, INC., PO Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611

Welcome New Members

ERIC G. BOLEN
Wilmington, NC

LEO H. CARTER
Asheboro, NC

JOHN P. DUMBACHER, JR.
Clemson, SC

JOHN GERWIN
Raleigh, NC

GRADY GOLDSTON
Mt. Gilead, NC

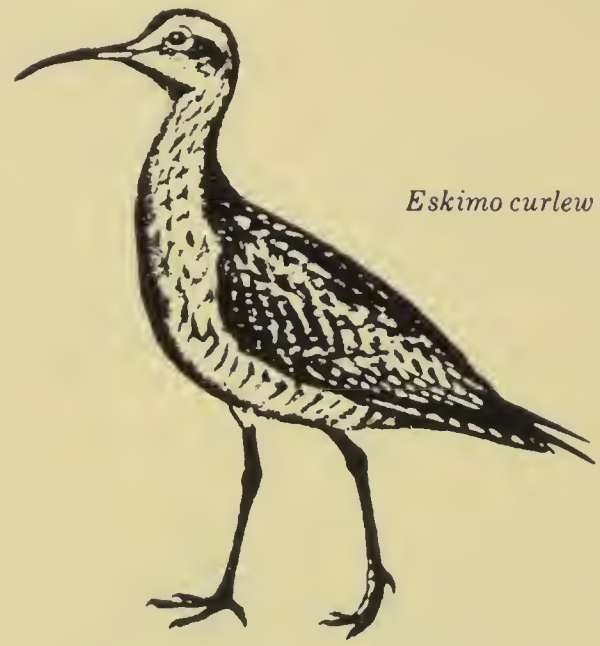
WILLIAM J. MOFFITT
Greensboro, NC

JOHN & FAYE MURRAY
Gastonia, NC

BOB & KATHERYN OLSON
Rock Hill, SC

CHIP NOTES

Your Editor is embarrassed that he failed to note the report from BETTY H. MCLLWAIN published in The Chat on "a funny looking titmouse" when reporting a similar bird seen by BETTY M. KIMBALL. Please don't tell Herb or Eloise that I failed to read every page. VIRGINIA BROWN, who lives in the Connestee Development located six miles south of Brevard, NC, had seen a titmouse with a very black back and head and a robin like red breast. It was seen during December, 1985 at Betty's feeder on her deck. Two years later, a similar bird was seen by Betty M. Kimball of Warne, NC at the feeder on her deck. Brevard and Warne are approximately 70 miles apart, and small songbirds don't have the longest life expectancy--however, could this be the same bird? We would welcome other reports from the area feeders this winter.



Eskimo curlew

KAY SISSON of Columbia, SC passed on information from the Department of Interior Endangered Species Technical Bulletin that the Eskimo Curlew is not extinct as was thought until recently. In the 1980's there have been several observations of this species on migration in the central and southern United States and in several areas of Canada. With the fall shorebird migration already under way birders should keep a sharp lookout.

DECEASED

The Carolina Bird Club notes with regret the death of the following member:

EDWARD S. TILLINGHAST
Greenville, SC

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